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Memorandum

To: Manager, NRDAR Fund, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

From: ^{Acting} Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California *J. Kenneth M.D.*

Subject: Release of Montrose NRDAR Funds for Northern Channel Islands Bald Eagle Reintroduction Feasibility Study

As the Department of the Interior's Authorized Official for the Montrose Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) case, I request that you authorize allocation of \$581,517.50 from the Montrose Restoration Account (Project number 0284) to the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The allocations will be used by the three agencies to fund the first year (April 2002 -April 2003) of a multi-year study to evaluate the feasibility of reintroducing bald eagles to the Northern Channel Islands.

Allocation of this money has been approved by the Montrose Settlements Trustee Council (Council), the interagency group that oversees expenditure of funds from settlements obtained in the Montrose NRDAR case. The Council has signed a resolution authorizing funding of the first year of the feasibility study (see attached Council Resolution 02-3). Per the resolution, the money should be allocated to the three agencies as follows:

NPS: \$353,674.00
FWS: \$219,691.00
NOAA: \$8,152.50

Please allocate the money for FWS in account number 9822-0193 to facilitate tracking of costs separately from other Montrose activities.

If you have any questions please contact Dan Welsh in the California/Nevada Operations Office at (916) 414-6458.

Attachment

Document ID Number: 2103

**AR: Montrose Settlements Restoration Program
Administrative Record**

Title: Release of Montrose NRDAR Funds for
Northern Channel Islands Bald Eagle
Reintroduction Feasibility Study

cc (w/attachment):

Pete Escherich, FWS, Arlington, VA

Roger Helm, FWS, Portland, OR

Deborah Freeman, FWS, Portland, OR

Tom Suchanek, FWS, Sacramento, CA

Andy Yuen, FWS, Carlsbad, CA

Tim Setnicka, NPS, Ventura, CA

Bill Conner, NOAA, Silver Spring, MD

✓ Pam Castens, NOAA, Long Beach, CA

TRUSTEE COUNCIL RESOLUTION 02-3
ADOPTED June 6, 2002

MONTROSE TRUSTEE COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING
Disbursement for Year One of the Feasibility Study
for Reestablishment of Bald Eagles on the
Northern Channel Islands, California

1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; the State of California acting through the State Lands Commission, the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Department of Fish & Game; and the Department of the Interior, acting through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service are the natural resource trustees (Trustees) for natural resources injured by releases of DDT and PCBs into the Southern California Bight.
2. Sums recovered in the civil action *United States, et al. v. Montrose Chemical Corp., et al.*, No. CV 90-3122-R (C.D. Cal. 1990) are being held in the Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (DOI NRDAR Fund) and the registry account administered by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.
3. The Trustees have entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA), as modified, that establishes a Trustee Council (Montrose Trustee Council) composed of one voting member for each trustee agency. Under the terms of that MOA, the Montrose Trustee Council is authorized to disburse funds for activities related to the damage assessment and restoration process.
4. Bald eagles were extirpated from their nesting islands in the Southern California Bight as a result of DDE-induced eggshell thinning and reproductive impairment. Restoration of bald eagles is a high priority task for the Trustees. Consequently, the Trustees have completed an Environmental Assessment for a Feasibility Study for Reestablishment of Bald Eagles on the Northern Channel Islands (FS/EA), as well as a budget for implementation of the FS/EA (Attachments A and B).
5. The Montrose Trustee Council resolves unanimously to authorize disbursement of \$581,517.50 from the DOI NRDAR Fund's Montrose Restoration account to the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), for tasks described in the aforementioned FS/EA and summarized in the table below:

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Agency	Amount	Purpose
NPS	\$353,674.00	Includes \$274,723 for cooperative agreement with Institute for Wildlife Studies, \$17,000 for contract with UC Reserve for beached carcass surveys, \$10,500 for logistical support, \$36,840 for direct project support by NPS staff, and a \$14,611 contingency fund for getting fledglings from Alaskan nests for translocation to Santa Cruz Island.
FWS	\$219,691.00	Includes \$115,000 for cooperative agreement with San Francisco Zoo, \$24,000 for contaminant analysis of marine mammal carcasses, and \$80,691 for direct project support by FWS staff.
NOAA	\$8,152.50	For direct project support by NOAA staff.

These funds are to be used solely for year-one activities described in the FS/EA and budget. A mid-year status report will be provided to the MSRP Program Manager and Trustee Council detailing efforts in support of this activity through the reporting date.

6. After completion of the work described in Paragraph 5 above, the NPS, FWS, and NOAA will provide to the Montrose Trustee Council 1) a written year end report, and 2) cost documentation packages that summarize costs incurred on the project and include copies of supporting documentation (e.g., timesheets, travel vouchers, and receipts).

7. The Montrose Trustee Council reserves the right to reopen, revise, and/or revoke its approval of this Resolution should any material change be made to the proposals, or if the Trustees determine that the work performed pursuant to the proposals is deficient.

8. The effective date of the Resolution shall be the date on which the last Trustee signs this document.

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CONCURRED in by the following who are the duly authorized Montrose
Trustee Council Representatives:



William Conner
National Oceanic &
Atmospheric Administration

5/28/02
Date

Daniel Welsh
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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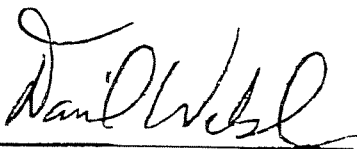
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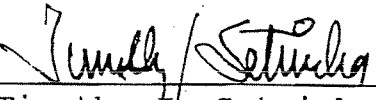
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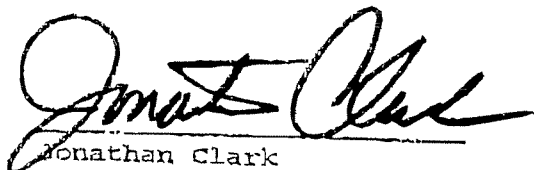
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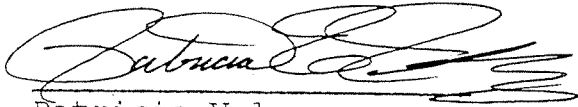
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Patricia Velez
Department of Fish & Game

5-28-02

Date